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There has been still a further decrease in the number of cholera cases reported in the city of Manila for the week covered by this report from the numbers reported for the preceding weeks, which were respectively as follows: January 11, 45 cases; January 18, 73 cases; January 25, 41 cases.

There has, however, been an increase in the number of cases reported from the provinces, particularly those provinces which are along the railroad line leading out of the city of Manila.

In the province of Zambales a rather severe outbreak has occurred, there having already been 158 cases and 108 deaths reported.

The laboratory work and investigation of the sewers and esterios of the city of Manila have been actively continued, and cholera organisms have been found in these sewage conduits in various parts of the city.

Owing to the improvement in the cholera situation in and about Manila it was deemed advisable to modify the outgoing interisland quarantine regulations. Vessels proceeding to ports at which Service officers are stationed are not detained; also those which go to ports which are easily accessible by land.

Smallpox on vessels from ports in Japan.—The severe outbreak of smallpox which occurred recently in Japan, and more particularly in and about Kobe, made itself known here by the arrival of two vessels with smallpox patients aboard. The first was the steamship *Benvorlich*, which arrived January 23, 1908, from Kobe via Yokohama. Upon reaching the Philippine Islands the boatswain was found to be in the papular stage of the disease. He was immediately removed to the hospital of the Mariveles quarantine station, where he died January 30, 1908. The vessel was thoroughly disinfected. All persons on board were bathed and vaccinated, their effects disinfected, and the vessel allowed to load cargo in quarantine. On January 26, 1908, the large passenger steamship *Nikko Maru*, which plies between Australia, Japan, and the Philippines, was found on arrival to have three persons on board afflicted with smallpox. These were removed and the usual measures of disinfection and vaccination, prescribed by the regulations, were rigidly carried out, after which the vessel proceeded on her voyage to Australia.

Vessels were granted consular bills of health as follows: January 30, the British steamship *Nord*, with 55 crew, en route from Singapore to Iloilo and Cebu, was granted a supplemental bill of health, after the usual inspection. January 30, the British steamship *Croyden*, with 33 crew, en route from Norfolk to Iloilo and Cebu, was granted a supplemental bill of health, all persons on board being inspected at the hour of sailing. February 1, the British steamship *Erroll*, with 44 crew and 5 passengers, en route from Yokohama to New York, was granted a supplemental bill of health, after the usual inspection of cargo and personnel.

Quarantine transactions in the Philippine Islands during the month of December, 1907.

PORT OF MANILA.

Bills of health issued.....	293
Vessels inspected.....	275
Passengers on arriving vessels inspected.....	6, 118
Persons vaccinated.....	110

Members of crews on arriving steamships inspected.....	9, 146
Members of crews on arriving sailing vessels inspected.....	699
Persons bathed and effected disinfected.....	519
Steamships partially disinfected.....	4
Steamships fumigated to exterminate vermin.....	3
Sailing vessel fumigated to exterminate vermin.....	1
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	692
Pieces of baggage inspected and passed.....	182

[Outgoing.]

Steamships sailing without quarantine inspected and passed.....	182
Sailing vessels sailing without quarantine inspected and passed.....	69
Steamships disinfected.....	2
Members of crews on vessels inspected.....	7, 163
Passengers on vessels inspected.....	4, 991
Members of crews bathed and effects disinfected.....	128
Passengers bathed and effects disinfected.....	398
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	1, 141
Pieces of baggage inspected and passed.....	1, 796
Pieces of miscellaneous cargo certified.....	11, 814

PORT OF ILOILO.

Bills of health issued.....	9
Vessels inspected.....	74
Passengers on arriving vessels inspected.....	993
Members of crews on arriving steamships inspected.....	1, 855
Members of crews on arriving sailing vessels inspected.....	234

PORT OF CEBU.

Bills of health issued.....	12
Vessels inspected.....	139
Passengers on arriving vessels inspected.....	1, 595
Members of crews on arriving steamships inspected.....	3, 586
Members of crews on arriving sailing vessels inspected.....	224
Steamship fumigated to exterminate vermin.....	1
Sailing vessels fumigated to exterminate vermin.....	4

PORT OF CAVITE.

Bills of health issued.....	2
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PORT OF OLONGAPO.

No transactions.

PORT OF ZAMBOANGA.

Vessels inspected.....	12
Passengers on arriving vessels inspected.....	382
Members of crews on arriving steamships inspected.....	826
Members of crews on arriving sailing vessels inspected.....	14

PORT OF JOLO.

Number of vessels inspected.....	2
Passengers on arriving vessels inspected.....	28
Members of crews on arriving steamships inspected.....	84

VENEZUELA.

Yellow fever present at Ciudad Bolivar.

The following is received from the Department of State, under date of March 6:

A telegram has been received from the Consul at Port of Spain, dated the 4th instant, which reads as follows: "From information